



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### JUNE BOARD NOTES

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##### ***COMMENTS FROM DAVID KAREM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR***

At its June 6 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education received a briefing on how the Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Kentucky Department of Education provide support and guidance for school districts on the issue of bullying. The board had asked for the briefing due to the increased attention that bullying is getting from the media and the number of inquiries that the board is receiving.



Associate Commissioner Susan Allred began the presentation by saying that in order to deliver on the goal of ensuring that all students are college/career ready, bullying cannot continue. The board wholeheartedly agrees, and moreover, we emphasize that a zero tolerance for bullying must exist. All students are entitled to a safe learning environment. Thus, the board is asking all school districts to redouble their efforts to eliminate the bullying of any student, whatever the reason.

The Kentucky Department of Education is available to provide resources on the topic and to help facilitate communication between parents and school districts when bullying occurs. For assistance, you can contact Assistant General Counsel Amy Peabody in the Office of Guiding Support Services at (502) 564-4474 or via e-mail at [amy.peabody@education.ky.gov](mailto:amy.peabody@education.ky.gov) or staff in the Division of Student Success at (502) 564-2116. Additionally, staff at the Kentucky Center for School Safety is available at 877-805-4277.

Make sure that if bullying situations arise in your school districts, they are addressed. Please join together with the board to eliminate this serious problem that can render devastating emotional and psychological impacts upon our vulnerable youth.

##### ***COMMISSIONER HOLLIDAY ISSUED NEW CONTRACT***

At the June 6 Kentucky Board of Education meeting, the board unanimously approved the issuance of a new four-year contract to continue Dr. Terry Holliday's employment as

commissioner of education. Board members publicly expressed their support for the new contract and for Commissioner Holliday's outstanding leadership.

"This board's relationship with Terry Holliday is extremely interactive on significant, high-level policy issues, such as the implementation of 2009's Senate Bill 1, the state's new assessment and accountability model, teacher and administrator professional growth, and the focus on college and career readiness for all Kentucky students," said Board Chair David Karem. "This contract extension sends a strong message to all of Kentucky's education partners that the board wants continuity and stability, and Terry's willingness to accept an additional four-year term of service shows his deep commitment to this work. The board and the commissioner are on the same page and want the same outcomes for Kentucky's students."

In reaction to the board's action, Holliday stated, "I'm grateful to the board members for this evidence of their support for and confidence in my work as commissioner. I believe that continuity is crucially important as Kentucky moves forward in P-12 education, and I know that this state can maintain its status as a national leader through the work of Kentucky Department of Education staff, the board members, teachers, administrators, parents, students, our education partners and elected officials."

For more information on the commissioner's new contract, contact General Counsel Kevin Brown at (502) 564-4474 or via e-mail at [kevin.brown@education.ky.gov](mailto:kevin.brown@education.ky.gov).

### ***LEARNING FORWARD UPDATE***

As part of its June meeting, the board was provided with a briefing on the *Learning Forward* initiative. Kentucky is serving as the "Demonstration State" of a new project led by *Learning Forward*, formerly the National Staff Development Council, called *Transforming Professional Learning to Prepare College- and Career-Ready Students: Implementing the Common Core*. Through this partnership, Kentucky will receive training, coaching and support from *Learning Forward* and other partner organizations over the next two years as a comprehensive system is developed/ refined that incorporates professional learning practices and effective implementation of new standards.

In order to accomplish the initial goals that Kentucky submitted to *Learning Forward*, a Professional Learning Task Force has been set up to advise the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) on creating a systemic infrastructure for supporting the growth and learning of all educators.

Recently, the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education completed a report after reviewing Kentucky's professional development policy system that resulted in ten recommendations. The Professional Learning Task Force prioritized the recommendations and identified three as those with the most leverage and potential for impacting the landscape of professional learning in the state:

- Create a more coherent and a more accountable system of professional learning.
- Re-norm school cultures for the redesign of teaching and learning.

- Develop a coherent conception of the work to be done and the resources and incentives needed to do it.

The Task Force will continue to meet through the fall of 2012 and create detailed and in-depth recommendations for the KDE regarding a systemic infrastructure for professional learning.

For more information on this work, contact Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at [Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov](mailto:Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov).

### ***STANDARD SETTING DISCUSSION REGARDING KENTUCKY'S NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM***

A detailed explanation was shared with the state board in June of the steps that will occur in the standard setting process for the new assessment system. The new assessments were administered during the 2011-12 school year, and before reporting can occur this fall, the student performance levels of Novice, Apprentice, Proficient and Distinguished must be established for the new assessments.

The standard setting process began with extensive external review and partner input from the National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA), Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO), National Technical Advisory Panel on Assessment and Accountability (NTAPAA), Pearson and ACT. Similar to previous standard setting work in Kentucky, both statistical data and educator judgment will inform the standard setting process. The goal is to link the new testing system from grade 3 to grade 12 to the definition of college/career readiness.

The actual process will be conducted during August with panels of Kentucky educators as participants. Application of the new cut scores will occur in September. Test scores will then be released in September/October.

For questions on the standard setting process, contact Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via e-mail at [ken.draut@education.ky.gov](mailto:ken.draut@education.ky.gov).

### ***BOARD RECOGNIZES GROSS AND ROGERS***

Two recognitions occurred as part of the June 6 board meeting, the Kevin M. Noland Award and affirmation of Dr. Phillip Rogers' retirement.

Lisa Gross, director of KDE's Division of Communications, received the 2012 Kevin M. Noland Award. The award recognizes a KDE employee for significant service to Kentucky's public schools and for providing inspiration for education.

Dr. Phillip Rogers, executive director of the Education Professional Standards Board, was honored by the passage of a resolution to recognize his significant service to the students of the Commonwealth. He will retire at the end of June.

For more information on these recognitions, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at [maryann.miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:maryann.miller@education.ky.gov).

***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JUNE MEETING WERE:***

- Minutes from the April 4, 2012, KBE meeting
- Appointments to the State Textbook Commission
- Certification of non-public schools
- District facility plans for Crittenden, Grant, Henderson, Pulaski, Todd and Trimble County School Districts and Augusta and Murray Independent School Districts
- District facility plan amendments for Monroe County School District and Ashland Independent School District
- Request for waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) from Ft. Thomas Independent
- Request for waiver to use restricted funds for a discretionary project from Murray Independent
- 2013 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- 2011 Report, 2011 Exceptions and 2013 Plan as required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of local district board members, and the sending of a letter to those local board members not qualifying for an extension notifying them they will be reported to the Attorney General if training hours are not completed
- KETS FY13 Unmet Need
- KETS Expenditure Plan
- Reappointment of Bill Beasley to the KHSAA Board of Control
- Appointment of Billy Harper (Chair), Nawanna Privett, Jay Parrent and Mary Gwen Wheeler to the board's Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of board officers at the August meeting
- Remand the nonresident student issue between Corbin Independent and Knox County back to the commissioner for further consideration based on factual information as related to court decisions, enrollment and other factors
- Statements of Consideration for 703 KAR 5:225 and 703 KAR 5:070

***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- 704 KAR 7:160, Use of restraint and seclusion in public schools
- 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum requirements for high school graduation
- Report on Title IX deficiencies for schools audited during the 2011-12 school year and planned activities for 2012-13
- KDE Employment Report

***KBE MEETING DATES***

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August 8-9, 2012	KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 9-10, 2012	Study Session and Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 5, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via e-mail at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the June 6, 2012, regular meeting, conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

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